

I have just been informed by XM Radio about NAB's petition 04-160. I travel between San Diego, CA and Chicago, IL about 5 times/year and I rely on XM Radio to give me the weather along the route (US-40/44) and any warnings of traffic accidents in the cities I am approaching.

I rely on XM Radio because the local stations are usually unreceivable at distances greater than about 25 miles. (Due to mountain terrain and/or signal strength.)

Another advantage to satellite radio is that I can find the station I want immediately rather than searching the entire AM and FM bands. (I am a classical music fan and I HATE ROCK and COUNTRY WESTERN music.) I have found that there is either a commercial on (and no reports) or the reports are too short and are repeated at irregular times. Information on XM Radio is more easily found and consequently not missed.

To sum it up, let's use the new technology for the public rather than stifling it with protectionism!